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## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

### **Notice of Public Comment Period on the Presentation of the Forensic Science Discipline**

#### **Review Framework**

#### **Docket No. OLP 156**

**AGENCY:** Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the opening of the public comment period on the presentation of the Forensic Science Discipline Review (FSDR) framework.

**DATES:** Written public comment regarding the presentation should be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Office of Legal Policy, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, by phone at 202-514-4601 or via email at [FSDR.OLP@usdoj.gov](mailto:FSDR.OLP@usdoj.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

At the 2016 American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Meeting, Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates announced that the Department of Justice (DOJ) would undertake a “quality assurance review” of certain forensic disciplines practiced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and that the DOJ would seek input from the National Commission on Forensic Science (NCFS) in developing this review. Jonathan J. Wroblewski, Office of Legal Policy, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, presented the draft framework for the FSDR to the NCFS on March 21, 2016. The proposed FSDR would advance the practice of forensic science by

ensuring DOJ forensic examiners have testified as appropriate in legal proceedings. The presentation is available online at <https://www.justice.gov/ncfs/file/835636/download>. Members of the public are welcomed to provide comments on this proposed framework.

Posting of Public Comments: To ensure proper handling of comments, please reference “Docket No. OLP 156” on all electronic and written correspondence. The Department encourages all comments on this framework be submitted electronically through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) using the electronic comment form provided on that site. Paper comments that duplicate the electronic submission are not necessary as all comments submitted to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) will be posted for public review and are part of the official docket record.

In accordance with the Federal Records Act, please note that all comments received are considered part of the public record, and shall be made available for public inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The comments to be posted may include personally identifiable information (such as your name, address, etc.) and confidential business information voluntarily submitted by the commenter.

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